

MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS COMMITTEE

July 5, 2001
MAG Saguaro Room, 2nd Floor
302 North First Avenue
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Jim Book, Chairman
Alan Sanderson, Mesa
Mike Mah for Brian Latte, Chandler
Bruce Ward, Gilbert
Dale Thompson, Maricopa County
Bob Steele, Phoenix
Scott Miller for Bob Ciotti, RPTA
*Terry Conner, DPS
Bruce Dressel, Scottsdale

* Ellis Perl, Surprise
Jim Decker, Tempe
Tim Wolfe, ADOT
* Jim Matteson, Phoenix Aviation
Ron Amaya for Scott Nodes, Peoria
Charles Hydeman, Goodyear
Mary Kihl, ASU
Alan Hansen, FHWA

* Not present or represented by proxy

OTHERS PRESENT

James Colyar, FHWA

Sharon Hansen, PBS&J
Amy Corathers, Scottsdale

Shawn Turner, Texas Transportation Institute
Sarath Joshua, MAG

1. Call to Order

Chairman Jim Book called meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

2. Approval of May 2, 2001, Meeting Minutes

Alan Sanderson moved and Dale Thompson seconded, and it was unanimously carried to approve minutes of the May 2, 2001 ITS Committee meeting.

3. Call to Audience

Chairman Jim Book made a call to the audience providing an opportunity to members of the public to address the ITS Committee. There was no comment from the audience.

4. Program Manager's Report

Freeway Service Patrol Project: Sarath Joshua assured the committee that the project is proceeding well. A meeting of the Interagency Oversight Team, established to provide oversight to the program, has been scheduled for July 17th to discuss project progress. A topic that will be discussed at this meeting is the role of Freeway Service Patrol in the region's Advanced Traffic Management System. Early discussions regarding better coordination of communications between ADOT and DPS

Key Observations from ITS America Annual Meeting in Miami: Two presentations on ITS in the region were delivered: (1) MAG ITS Strategic Plan Update and (2) City of Phoenix Advanced Public Transportation Systems. Sarath Joshua shared the following observation that he made at the meeting:

- “Not enough planning for operations” – Christine Johnson, Director ITS Joint Programs Office
- Dedicated funds for ITS very unlikely
- Shrinking of federal programs likely
- “Future of ITS will depend on delivering customer benefits”
- Architecture rule requires that each MPO develop a long range plan for operations – MAG Concept of Operations will meet this requirement
- Importance of system performance measurement and data

Wide Area Network Study: This MAG project is currently underway. An overview of the project was provided on Attachment One. A few MAG ITS Committee members are participating in the project oversight committee. The full committee will be briefed at a future meeting.

Next Round of TIP: Next cycle of the MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is about to start. Attachment Two provided the tentative schedule of activities for this cycle. MAG member agencies need to submit project to MAG by September 11th. The ITS Committee still had two meetings August 1 and September 6th before projects were due at MAG. The full list of projects with CMS scores and emission estimates are expected during the first week of October. It was suggested that the committee wait until all these numbers are finalized before ranking ITS projects. Federal funds available for programming FY 2007 was estimated at \$37m in CMAQ and \$ 4-5million in STP. The agency stakeholder meeting to be held at the end of July was noted as a crucial meeting at which input is sought for programming state and federal funds for improvements on state facilities.

5. Smart Corridor Project – Phase II

Dale Thompson provided a brief overview of the Smart Corridor Project – Phase II status. He informed the committee that the design phase of the project is nearing completion. Mr. Thompson explained that three Smart Corridor projects funded by MAG will be combined to simplify the design and procurement process.

6. Update on 511 Implementation

Tim Wolfe provided an update on the status of 511 implementation in Arizona. Arizona DOT is taking the lead in implementing 511 in Arizona. The Arizona implementation is being carried out in three parts. The MAG region, PAG region and statewide coverage.

The first phase of the implementation will be the rollover of the ADOT 1-800-411-ROAD to 511. A 511 Task Force has been established with ADOT, FHWA, AZ Corporation Commission, MAG, PAG & Maricopa County DOT & Pima County DOT.

Qwest has been requested to provide ADOT with an estimate for the conversion. Qwest is working on a solution that will address all their western US states.

7. Next Meeting Date

Next meeting date was announced as Thursday 10:00 AM on August 1, 2001.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Jim Book at 11:15 AM